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Mike Hickey has been named to replace Louisa Zerbe as head coach of the Concordia University Women's Basketball Team.

Hickey, who will maintain the responsibility of Sports Information Officer, returns to coaching after a three-year hiatus.

Hickey's coaching career began with the Sir George Williams Georgians. He directed the Georgians to an overall 56-18 record including two trips to the Nationals in a two year stint. Coach Hickey assumed the role of women's coach of the Concordia team following the Loyola-Sir George merger.

In ten years as head coach of the women's squad, the Stingers advanced to the Nationals four times, finishing third in 1977 and 1985, fourth in 1983 and fifth in 1981. Coach Hickey has twice been named Quebec University Athletic Association's "Coach of the Year".

However, his coaching career has not been limited to Concordia. Mike has been involved with the Canadian National program beginning in 1976 when he became the first coach of the Canadian Junior National Women's team. He also worked with Jack Donohue with the Canadian National men's team for four summers. He was selected to the coaching staff of the Canadian women's olympic team and served as an assistant to head coach Wayne Hussey for four summers. He left Concordia in 1985 to accept a similar position as head coach of the women's team at Ryerson. In three years he directed the Lady Rams to a playoff appearance in the Ontario University Athletic Association, the only time in the school's history that they advanced to post season play.

Mike returned to Concordia last year in the position of Sports Information Officer.